

## II. AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions and listings. Claims 1 & 3 are allowed. Claims 2 and 4-11 have been canceled.

### **Listing of Claims:**

1. (previously presented) An essentially purified neurotrophin of carp, carp NT-7 having neurotrophic activity and an amino acid sequence comprising SEQ ID NO. 1.
2. (canceled)
3. (previously presented) A composition of an essentially purified neurotrophin of carp, carp NT-7 having neurotrophic activity, comprising:  
a carrier;  
and an amino acid sequence comprising SEQ ID NO. 1.

Claims 4-11 canceled.